

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 4049, National Defense Authorization Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4433–S4489

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4290–4316, S. Res. 657, and S. Con. Res. 41.

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Measures Reported:

S. 3461, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Wesley Street in Greenville, Texas, as the “Audie Murphy Post Office Building”.

S. 3462, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 909 West Holiday Drive in Fate, Texas, as the “Ralph Hall Post Office”.

S. 3839, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the “Opha May Johnson Post Office”.

S. 4126, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 104 East Main Street in Port Washington, Wisconsin, as the “Joseph G. Demler Post Office”.

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Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization Act: By 86 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 140), Senate passed S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

McConnell (for Portman) Amendment No. 2080 (to Amendment No. 2301), to require an element in annual reports on cyber science and technology activities on work with academic consortia on high

priority cybersecurity research activities in Department of Defense capabilities.

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By 88 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 138), Inhofe Amendment No. 2301, in the nature of a substitute.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 86 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 139), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the passage of S. 4049, the Clerk be authorized to correct the instruction line on Reed (for Cantwell/Manchin) Amendment No. 2417 (to Amendment No. 2301), to modify the requirements for the Department of Energy response to the review by the Nuclear Weapons Council of the budget of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

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Protect 2020 Recovery Rebates: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 3841, to protect 2020 recovery rebates for individuals from assignment or garnishment, and the bill was then passed.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the bill be held at the desk, and should the Senate receive from the House of Representatives a bill, the text of which is identical to that of S. 3841, Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and S. 3841 be indefinitely postponed.

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Appointments:

Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 116–113, and in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee

on Finance, appointed the following individuals to the Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board: Sandra M. Polaski of the District of Columbia and Timothy J. Beaty of Virginia. **Page S4488**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13882 of July 26, 2019, with respect to the situation in Mali; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-56) **Page S4468**

Hardy Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of William Scott Hardy, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S4448–49**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. EX. 141), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4449**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired and the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 27, 2020. **Page S4489**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, July 27, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination. **Page S4489**

Joseph Nomination—Cloture: David Cleveland Joseph, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. **Page S4456**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of William Scott Hardy, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S4456**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4456**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4456**

Wade Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Dana T. Wade, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S4456**

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Kaplan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Marvin Kaplan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S4456**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Dana T. Wade, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S4456**

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McFerran Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S4456**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Marvin Kaplan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S4456**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Grant C. Jaquith, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

Scott J. Laurer, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years. **Page S4489**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—141)	Pages S4434–35, S4448–49

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:24 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4489.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. SPECTRUM POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the state of United States spectrum policy, after receiving testimony from Tom Power, CTIA, Washington, D.C.; H. Mark Gibson, CommScope, Inc., Ashburn, Virginia; Roslyn Layton, Aalborg University, Copenhagen, Denmark; and Michael Calabrese, New America Open Technology Institute, Palo Alto, California.

COVID-19 AND PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on users of public lands, forests, and national parks, after receiving testimony from Kelly R. Hepler, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Pierre, South Dakota; Douglas Kemper, Colorado Water Congress, Denver; and Ethan L. Lane, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Will Shafroth, National Park Foundation, and Jessica Turner, Outdoor Recreation Roundtable, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lisa S. Kenna, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Leora Rosenberg Levy, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, Aldona Z. Wos, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Canada, and William W. Popp, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John W. Holcomb, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Brett H. Ludwig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, R. Shireen Matthews, and Todd Wallace Robinson, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Christy Criswell Wiegand, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

MINORITY SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine capital access for minority small businesses, focusing on COVID-19 resources for an equitable and sustainable recovery, including S. 3742, to establish a program in the Department of the Treasury to allocate funds to States, units of general local government, and Indian Tribes to provide assistance to certain small businesses, S. 2549, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in the loan programs of the Small Business Administration, H.R. 748, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage, and H.R. 6800, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, after receiving testimony from Talibah M. Bayles, TMB Tax and Financial Services, Birmingham, Alabama; Ron Busby, U.S. Black Chambers, Inc., and Marla Bilonick, Latino Economic Development Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Fabiana Estrada, ACCION, Miami, Florida.